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**2002 APPLICATION KIT FOR NEW GRANTS  
UNDER  
THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
TRAINING PROGRAM**

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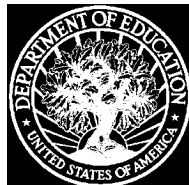
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## REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Dear Applicant:

The Secretary invites new applications under the Rehabilitation Short-Term Training: National Rehabilitation Leadership Institute Program. This program is authorized under Title III of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act) (29 U.S.C. 760-762).

The Short-Term Training program is designed for the support of special seminars, institutes, workshops, and other short-term courses in technical matters relating to the vocational, medical, social and psychological rehabilitation programs, independent living services programs, and client assistance programs. This specific competition is intended to fund one National Rehabilitation Leadership Institute, which is described in detail in Section D. Read the Notice of Final Priority carefully for a complete description of this project.

This application package (kit) contains the information and forms necessary to apply for a Fiscal Year 2002 grant award in the area noted above, as identified in A Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards recently published in the FEDERAL REGISTER. A copy of this announcement is included in Section D of this application kit. Please give particular attention to program purpose, eligible applicants, estimates average size of award, and the general requirements, as applicable to the program referenced.

Applicants for new projects in response to this announcement should also become familiar with the selection criteria contained in this application kit. These criteria will be used by reviewers and Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) staff to evaluate all applications. Your application should respond to each identified criterion since failure to do so will put your application at a significant disadvantage.

**There are several factors that will result in automatic rejection of your application. Please be sure your application addresses each appropriately:**

- The maximum funding levels contained in section D of this application kit are strictly enforced.

Part III of the application, the application narrative, is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 45 pages, using the following standards:

- A "page" is 8.5" x 11", on one side only, with 1" margins at the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Double space (no more than three lines per vertical inch) all text in the application narrative, including titles, headings, footnotes, quotations, references, and captions, as well as all text in charts, tables, figures, and graphs.
- Use a font that is either 12-point or larger or no smaller than 10 pitch (characters per inch).

The page limit does not apply to Part I, the cover sheet; Part II, the budget section, including the narrative budget justification; Part IV, the assurances and certifications; or the one-page abstract, the

resumes, the bibliography, or the letters of support. However, you must include all of the application narrative in Part III.

We will reject your application if—

- You apply these standards and exceed the page limit;

or

You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

Please remember that peer reviewers are instructed that appendix material is to be considered supplemental material to support or show evidence supporting statements made in the narrative. They are neither requested nor expected to consider appendix material in rating.

You are required to allow your **State Vocational Rehabilitation agency an opportunity to review and comment** on your application. Please be sure that this requirement is documented in your application. **Failure to comply with this requirement will also result in rejection of your application.**

- All applicants in this competition should budget for a project directors' orientation to be held in Washington, DC in October, 2001 (tentative). This meeting is usually held just prior to the National Rehabilitation Education Conference (jointly sponsored by RSA, the National Council on Rehabilitation Education and The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation). Grantees are encouraged to attend the National Rehabilitation Conference annually, and may use project funds for this purpose.
- Applicants must include a detailed description of **strategies that will be utilized to recruit and train individuals so as to reflect the diverse populations** of the United States -- as part of the effort to increase the number of individuals with disabilities and individuals who are from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds who are available to provide rehabilitation services.

Applications for new projects in response to this announcement should also become familiar with **the selection criteria contained in this application kit (see Section F)**. These criteria will be used by reviewers and Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) staff to evaluate all applications. Your application should respond to each identified criterion since failure to do so will put your application at a significant disadvantage.

Reviewers of applications report that an application written in a format that follows the peer review criteria, and contains a separate budget section, greatly facilitates the review process. Such a format would appear as follows:

**SECTION A:** Application face page

**SECTION B:** Budget pages/budget narrative

**SECTION C:** Abstract (one page)

**SECTION D:** Narrative (not to exceed 45 pages):

- Relevance to State-Federal Rehabilitation Service Program
- Need for Project
- Significance of project

- Project Design
- Project Services
- Management Plan
- Project Evaluation
- Project Personnel
- Project Resources

**SECTION E:** Appendices (assurances/certifications, one-page resumes, bibliography, letters of support, etc)

**Cost-sharing of at least ten percent of the total cost of the project** is required of grantees under the Rehabilitation Training Program. (A grantee must contribute to the cost of a project under this program in an amount satisfactory to the Secretary. Under 34 CFR 74.52, it is not possible for grantees to identify the difference between a negotiated indirect cost rate and the eight percent maximum indirect cost rate applicable to training grants as the non-Federal share of the cost of a project.

## **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS (EDGAR)**

Rehabilitation Training Program grants are subject to the requirements of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations at 34 CFR Parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85 and 86. These regulations set forth all general rules affecting application submittal, review, grant awarding, and post-award administration of Department of Education grant programs.

Rehabilitation training projects are subject to the requirements for “**Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities**,” found in 34 CFR Part 79 of EDGAR. If your State has established a process for intergovernmental review, an applicant must use that process. Applicants should review the material in the application kit for information on the intergovernmental review process.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**Applicants for multi-year projects are required to provide detailed budget information for each of the five project years.** The Department will determine at the time of the initial award, the funding levels for each year of the grant award. RSA requires annual Performance and financial status reports, and uses those reports to determine progress and to make a decision as to whether or not to continue funding the project. These reports must be submitted to the designated RSA Project Officer.

## **APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

You are encouraged to overnight-mail or hand-deliver the original and two copies of the application on or before the closing date (note date on application kit cover page) to:  
Application Control Center (ACC), Attention: CFDA #84.246D, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4725. However, it will expedite the review process if four additional copies (for a total of seven - one original and six copies) are submitted to the Application Control Center (ACC) in Washington, DC and a copy is submitted to the respective Rehabilitation

Services Administration (RSA) Regional Office.

Applicants are urged to contact their Regional Office Representative for Training (see page C-1) or the Competition Manager, Christine Marschall. She can be reached at 202-205-2779.

Your concern for the training of skilled rehabilitation personnel to serve persons with disabilities is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Muzzio, Ph.D.  
Director  
Division of Resource Development

**SECTION B**

**DIVISION OF RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMPETITION MANAGER**

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## **SECTION D**

### **NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR NEW AWARDS**

4000-01-U

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(CFDA No.: 84.246D)

Rehabilitation Short-Term Training—National Rehabilitation Leadership Institute

Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2002.

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:** The Short-Term Training program supports special seminars, institutes, workshops, and other short-term courses in technical matters relating to the vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs, independent living services programs, and client assistance programs. This competition provides for the development of a leadership training program that focuses on leadership skills as applied to the unique issues facing the vocational rehabilitation agencies in a peer setting.

For FY 2002 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the priority we reference in the **PRIORITY** section of this application notice.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Short-Term Training program.

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE:** November 8, 2001.

**DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS:** January 9, 2002 .

**DEADLINE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW:** March 10, 2002.

**ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDS:** \$250,000

The Administration has requested \$250,000 for this program for FY 2002. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

**ESTIMATED RANGE OF AWARD:** \$225,000 to \$250,000

**ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARD:** \$250,000

**MAXIMUM AWARD:** We will reject any application that proposes a budget exceeding \$250,000 for a single budget period of 12 months. The Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services may change the maximum amount through a notice published in the Federal Register.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS: 1

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

PROJECT PERIOD: Up to 60 months.

PAGE LIMIT: Part III of the application, the application narrative, is where you, the applicant, address the selection criteria that reviewers use to evaluate your application. You must limit Part III to the equivalent of no more than 45 pages, using the following standards:

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- or
- You apply other standards and exceed the equivalent of the page limit.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 390.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

**PRIORITY:**

This competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority in the notice of final priority for this program, published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.

For FY 2002 this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet the priority.

FOR APPLICATIONS CONTACT: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734.

You may also contact ED Pubs at its Web site:

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>

Or you may contact ED Pubs at its e-mail address: [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov).

If you request an application from ED Pubs, be sure to identify this competition as follows:  
CFDA number 84.246D.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Marschall, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3325, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649. Telephone: (202) 205-2779 or via Internet:

**Christine.Marschall@ed.gov**

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Individuals with disabilities may obtain a copy of the application package in an alternative format by contacting the Grants and Contracts Services Team, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3317, Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-2550. Telephone: (202) 205-8207. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339. However, the Department is not able to reproduce in an alternative format the standard forms included in the application package.

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PROGRAM AUTHORITY: 29 U.S.C. 772

Dated:

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Robert H. Pasternack, Ph.D.,  
Assistant Secretary for  
Special Education and  
Rehabilitative Services.

## **Notice of Final Priority**

4000-01-U

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Rehabilitation Short-Term Training

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of final priority.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services announces a priority under the Rehabilitation Short-Term Training program. The Assistant Secretary may use this priority for competitions in fiscal year (FY) 2002 and in later years. We take this action to focus on training in areas of national need. We intend the priority to improve the leadership among top-level managers and administrators of the State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This priority is effective December 4, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Marschall, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3325, Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649 Telephone: (202) 205-2779 or via Internet:

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, or computer diskette) on request to the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program continues to undergo significant change. Vocational rehabilitation (VR) programs are serving increased numbers of individuals with significant disabilities, are seeking to reach unserved and underserved populations, and increasingly are recognizing that their success in promoting the employment of their consumers depends in part on the strength of their linkages with employers and with generic employment and training programs. In their efforts to improve the employment outcomes of the individuals they serve, State VR agencies must remain alert to this ever-changing environment.

The changed environment of State VR agencies demands a different set of skills from leaders and managers than has traditionally been required. Managers and leaders in the VR system need to develop new skills to respond effectively to the changing demands. We have determined that it is in the best interest of the State VR Services Program to develop a leadership training program that focuses on leadership skills as applied to the unique issues facing the VR agencies in a peer setting. Progressive levels of training are needed to meet the varying needs of administrators and directors. One institute would ensure consistency in training and provide for better quality control. State agencies would be required to provide some degree of support to the program.

We published a notice of proposed priority for this program in the Federal Register on August 6, 2001 (66 FR 41126). The notice of proposed priority included a discussion of the significant issues

and analysis used in the determination of this priority.

There are no differences between the notice of proposed priority and this notice of final priority.

#### Analysis Of Comments and Changes

In response to our invitation in the notice of proposed priority, three parties submitted comments on the proposed priority. An analysis of the comments and of any changes in the priority since publication of the notice of proposed priority follows.

Generally, we do not address technical and other minor changes--and suggested changes the law does not authorize us to make under the applicable statutory authority.

Comments: One commenter recommended that we require the project to be based on academic credit and lead to a formal certificate or degree.

Discussion: While in Rehabilitation Long-Term Training grants there is a statutory requirement that training be based on academic credit and lead to a formal certificate or degree, there is no authority to include this requirement in the Rehabilitation Short-Term Training priority. However, programs that provide academic credit and lead to a formal certificate or degree are not prohibited under the priority.

Changes: None

Comments: One commenter recommended a requirement that the training be linked directly to the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development requirements.

Discussion: We agree that there is a logical link between the proposed priority and the requirements of the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development. However, we do not agree that addressing such a link should be a requirement that an applicant must address.

Changes: None

Comments: One commenter recommended that State agencies sending participants to the leadership program not be required to contribute to the cost of the program.

Discussion: The notice of proposed priority indicated the benefits associated with requiring financial support to be provided by the State agency of participants. We do not agree that elimination of the financial contributions of State agencies would contribute to the overall goals of the program.

Changes: None

Note: This notice does not solicit applications. In any year in which we choose to use this priority, we invite applications through a notice in the Federal Register. When inviting applications we designate the priority as absolute, competitive preference, or invitational. The effect of each type of priority follows:

Absolute priority: Under an absolute priority we consider only applications that meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(3)).

Competitive preference priority: Under a competitive preference priority we give competitive preference to an application by either (1) awarding additional points, depending on how well or the extent to which the application meets the competitive priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i)); or (2) selecting an application that meets the competitive priority over an application of comparable merit that does not meet the priority (34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(ii)).

Invitational priority: Under an invitational priority we are particularly interested in applications that

meet the invitational priority. However, we do not give an application that meets the invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications (34 CFR 75.105(c)(1)).

## PRIORITY:

### National Rehabilitation Leadership Institute

We will fund one project to establish a National Rehabilitation Leadership Institute that will focus on developing the leadership skills of top-level managers and administrators in State VR agencies. The project must have plans for addressing the leadership needs in all VR agencies funded under the Act and programs funded under section 121 of the Act.

The project must employ a curriculum that focuses on the development of leadership skills and on the application of those skills to current challenges and issues in the VR program. The project must be capable of structuring leadership curricula around current VR issues of national significance, such as using VR evaluation standards and performance indicators to assess and improve agency performance, coordinating effectively with generic employment and training programs, and increasing client choice. The advisory committee (described later in this notice) and the Assistant Secretary will determine actual issues.

The project must employ a curriculum that includes several levels of training to meet the needs of audiences ranging from new State administrators and directors to seasoned administrators and directors. The project's curriculum must include sequential courses that allow for repeated practice of newly learned skills over time, with performance feedback. The project must provide training in a peer setting.

The project must coordinate its training activities with activities conducted under the State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training program, the Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program, and the National Technical Assistance Centers funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). These programs are also charged with improving the leadership skills of State agency personnel. Therefore, collaboration and coordination are necessary.

The project must establish an advisory committee that includes RSA central and regional office representatives, representatives of State VR agency administrators and trainers, rehabilitation counselors, VR clients, Regional Continuing Education Centers, other educators and trainers of VR personnel, tribes and tribal agencies, and others as determined to be appropriate by the grantee and RSA. This committee must provide substantial input on and direction to the training curriculum, including the specific VR issues to be incorporated.

The project must include an evaluation component based upon clear, specific performance and outcome measures. The results must be reported in its annual progress report.

The project must be designed to ensure that State agencies will contribute to the costs of the participant's training.

### National Education Goals

The eight National Education Goals focus the Nation's education reform efforts and provide a framework for improving teaching and learning.

This priority is intended to address the National Education Goal that every adult American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and

exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

#### Intergovernmental Review

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372 and the regulations in 34 CFR part 79. One of the objectives of the Executive order is to foster an intergovernmental partnership and a strengthened federalism. The Executive order relies on processes developed by State and local governments for coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance.

This document provides early notification of our specific plans and actions for this program.

Applicable Program Regulations: 34 CFR parts 385 and 390.

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PROGRAM AUTHORITY: 29 U.S.C. 772

Dated:

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Assistant Secretary for Special Education and  
Rehabilitative Services.





## **SECTION E**

### **Section 302 of the Rehabilitation Act and Associated Regulations**

#### **Sec. 302. Training**

##### **(a) Grants and Contracts for Personnel Training**

###### **(1) Authority**

The Commissioner shall make grants to, and enter into contracts with, States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations (including institutions of higher education) to pay part of the cost of projects to provide training, traineeships, and related activities, including the provision of technical assistance, that are designed to assist in increasing the numbers of, and upgrading the skills of, qualified personnel (especially rehabilitation counselors) who are trained in providing vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services, who are trained to assist individuals with communication and related disorders, who are trained to provide other services provided under this Act, to individuals with disabilities, and who may include--

(A) personnel specifically trained in providing employment assistance to individuals with disabilities through job development and job placement services;

(B) personnel specifically trained to identify, assess, and meet the individual rehabilitation needs of individuals with disabilities, including needs for rehabilitation technology;

(C) personnel specifically trained to deliver services to individuals who may benefit from receiving independent living services;

(D) personnel specifically trained to deliver services in the client assistance programs;

(E) personnel specifically trained to deliver services, through supported employment programs, to individuals with a most significant disability; and

(F) personnel specifically trained to deliver services to individuals with disabilities pursuing self-employment, business ownership, and telecommuting; and

(G) personnel trained in performing other functions necessary to the provision of vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation services, and other services provided under this Act.

###### **(2) Authority to provide scholarships**

Grants and contracts under paragraph (1) may be expended for scholarships and may include necessary stipends and allowances.

###### **(3) Related federal statutes**

In carrying out this subsection, the Commissioner may make grants to and enter into contracts with States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, to furnish training regarding provisions of Federal statutes, including section 504, title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12111 et seq.), and the provisions of titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq. and 1381 et seq.), that are related to work incentives for individuals with disabilities.

###### **(4) Training for statewide workforce systems personnel**

The Commissioner may make grants to and enter into contracts under this subsection with States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including institutions of higher education, to furnish training to personnel providing services to individuals with disabilities under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Under this paragraph, personnel may be trained--

(A) in evaluative skills to determine whether an individual with a disability may be served by the State vocational rehabilitation program or another component of a statewide workforce investment system; or

(B) to assist individuals with disabilities seeking assistance through one-stop delivery systems described in section 134(c) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

###### **(5) Joint funding**

Training and other activities provided under paragraph (4) for personnel may be jointly funded with the Department of Labor, using funds made available under title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

##### **(b) Grants and Contracts for Academic Degrees and Academic Certificate Granting Training Projects**

###### **(1) Authority**

###### **(A) In general**

The Commissioner may make grants to, and enter into contracts with, States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations (including institutions of higher education) to pay part of the costs of academic training projects to provide training that leads to an academic degree or academic certificate. In making such grants or entering into such contracts, the Commissioner shall target funds to areas determined under subsection (e) to have shortages of qualified personnel.

**(B) Types of projects**

Academic training projects described in this subsection may include--

(i) projects to train personnel in the areas of assisting and supporting individuals with disabilities pursuing self-employment, business ownership, and telecommuting, and of vocational rehabilitation counseling, rehabilitation technology, rehabilitation medicine, rehabilitation nursing, rehabilitation social work, rehabilitation psychiatry, rehabilitation psychology, rehabilitation dentistry, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology and audiology, physical education, therapeutic recreation, community rehabilitation programs, or prosthetics and orthotics;

(ii) projects to train personnel to provide--

(I) services to individuals with specific disabilities or individuals with disabilities who have specific impediments to rehabilitation, including individuals who are members of populations that are unserved or underserved by programs under this Act;

(II) job development and job placement services to individuals with disabilities;

(III) supported employment services, including services of employment specialists for individuals with disabilities;

(IV) specialized services for individuals with significant disabilities; or

(V) recreation for individuals with disabilities;

(iii) projects to train personnel in other fields contributing to the rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities; and

(iv) projects to train personnel in the use, applications, and benefits of rehabilitation technology.

**(2) Application**

No grant shall be awarded or contract entered into under this subsection unless the applicant has submitted to the Commissioner an application at such time, in such form, in accordance with such procedures, and including such information as the Secretary may require, including--

(A) a description of how the designated State unit or units will participate in the project to be funded under the grant or contract, including, as appropriate, participation on advisory committees, as practicum sites, in curriculum development, and in other ways so as to build closer relationships between the applicant and the designated State unit and to encourage students to pursue careers in public vocational rehabilitation programs;

(B) the identification of potential employers that provide employment that meets the requirements of paragraph (5)(A)(i); and

(C) an assurance that data on the employment of graduates or trainees who participate in the project is accurate.

**(3) Limitation**

**(A) In general**

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), no grant or contract under this subsection may be used to provide any one course of study to an individual for a period of more than 4 years.

**(B) Exception**

If a grant or contract recipient under this subsection determines that an individual has a disability which seriously affects the completion of training under this subsection, the grant or contract recipient may extend the period referred to in subparagraph (A).

**(4) Authority to provide scholarships**

Grants and contracts under paragraph (1) may be expanded to provide services that include the provision of scholarships and necessary stipends and allowances.

**(5) Agreements**

**(A) Contents**

A recipient of a grant or contract under this subsection shall provide assurances to the Commissioner that each individual who receives a scholarship, for any academic year beginning after June 1, 1992, utilizing funds provided under such grant or contract shall enter into an agreement with the recipient under which the individual shall--

(i) maintain employment--

(I) in a nonprofit rehabilitation agency or related agency or in a State rehabilitation agency or related agency, including a professional corporation or professional practice group through which the individual has a service arrangement with the designated State agency;

(II) on a full- or part-time basis; and

(III) for a period of not less than the full-time equivalent of 2 years for each year for which assistance under this section was received by the individual, within a period, beginning after the recipient completes the training for which the scholarship was awarded, of not more than the sum of the number of years in the period described in subclause (III) and 2 additional years; and

(ii) repay all or part of any scholarship received, plus interest, if the individual does not fulfill the requirements of clause (i), except as the Commissioner by regulation may provide for repayment exceptions and deferrals.

**(B) Enforcement**

The Commissioner shall be responsible for the enforcement of each agreement entered into under subparagraph (A) upon completion of the training involved under such subparagraph.

**(c) Grants to Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

The Commissioner, in carrying out this section, shall make grants to historically Black colleges and universities and other institutions of higher education whose minority student enrollment is at least 50 percent of the total enrollment of the institution.

**(d) Application**

A grant may not be awarded to a State or other organization under this section unless the State or organization has submitted an application to the Commissioner at such time, in such form, in accordance with such procedures, and containing such information as the Commissioner may require. Any such application shall include a detailed description of strategies that will be utilized to recruit and train individuals so as to reflect the diverse populations of the United States as part of the effort to increase the number of individuals with disabilities, and individuals who are from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds, who are available to provide rehabilitation services.

**(e) Evaluation and Collection of Data**

The Commissioner shall evaluate the impact of the training programs conducted under this section, and collect information on the training needs of, and data on shortages of qualified personnel necessary to provide services to individuals with disabilities. The Commissioner shall prepare and submit to Congress, by September 30 of each fiscal year, a report setting forth and justifying in detail how the funds made available for training under this section for the fiscal year prior to such submission are allocated by professional discipline and other program areas. The report shall also contain findings on such personnel shortages, how funds proposed for the succeeding fiscal year will be allocated under the President's budget proposal, and how the findings on personnel shortages justify the allocations.

## PROGRAM REGULATIONS

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Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c), 772, and 774, unless otherwise noted.

Source: 45 FR 86379, Dec. 30, 1980, unless otherwise noted.

#### Subpart A--General

Sec.

- 385.1 What is the Rehabilitation Training program?
  - (a) The Rehabilitation Training program is designed to--
    - (1) Ensure that skilled personnel are available to provide rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities through vocational, medical, social, and psychological rehabilitation programs, through supported employment programs, through independent living services programs, and through client assistance programs ;
    - (2) Maintain and upgrade basic skills and knowledge of personnel employed to provide state-of-the-art service delivery systems and rehabilitation technology services; and
    - (3) Provide training and information to individuals with disabilities, the parents, families, guardians, advocates, and authorized representatives of the individuals, and other appropriate parties to develop the skills necessary for individuals with disabilities to access the rehabilitation system and to become active decision makers in the rehabilitation process.
  - (b) The Secretary awards grants and contracts to pay part of the costs of projects for training, trainee ships, and related activities, including the provision of technical assistance, to assist in increasing the numbers of qualified personnel trained in providing rehabilitation services and other services provided under the Act, to individuals with disabilities. Financial assistance is provided through six categories of training programs:
    - (1) Rehabilitation Long-Term Training (34 CFR Part 386).
    - (2) Experimental and Innovative Training (34 CFR Part 387).
    - (3) State Vocational Rehabilitation Unit In-Service Training (34 CFR Part 388).
    - (4) Rehabilitation Continuing Education Programs (34 CFR Part 389).
    - (5) Rehabilitation Short-Term Training (34 CFR Part 390).
    - (6) Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf and Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind (34 CFR Part 396).

(Authority: Secs. 301 and 302 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 770 and 774)

[59 FR 8344, Feb. 18, 1994]

Sec. 385.2 Who is eligible for assistance under these programs?

States and public or nonprofit agencies and organizations, including Indian tribes and institutions of higher education, are eligible for assistance under the Rehabilitation Training program.

(Authority: Secs. 7(19) and 302 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 706(19) and 774)

[59 FR 8345, Feb. 18, 1994]

Sec. 385.3 What regulations apply to these programs?

The following regulations apply to the Rehabilitation Training program:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

(1) 34 CFR Part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations).  
(2) 34 CFR Part 75 (Direct Grant Programs).  
(3) 34 CFR Part 77 (Definitions That Apply to Department Regulations).  
(4) 34 CFR Part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).  
(5) 34 CFR Part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).

(6) 34 CFR Part 81 (General Education Provisions Act - Enforcement).

(7) 34 CFR Part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(8) 34 CFR Part 85 (Government wide Debarment and Suspension

(Nonprocurement) and Government wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(9) 34 CFR Part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

(b) The regulations in this Part 385.

(c) The regulations in 34 CFR Parts 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, and 396, as appropriate.

(Authority: Secs. 12(c) and 302 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 774)

[59 FR 8345, Feb. 18, 1994]

Sec. 385.4 What definitions apply to these programs?

(a) The following definitions in 34 CFR Part 77 apply to the programs under the Rehabilitation Training Program--

"Applicant"

"Application"

"Award"

"Budget Period"

"Department"

"EDGAR"

"Nonprofit"

"Private"

"Project"

"Project Period"

"Public"

"Secretary"

(Authority: Sec. 12(c) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

(b) The following definitions also apply to programs under the Rehabilitation Training program:

Act means the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), as amended.

Assistive technology device means any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

Assistive technology service means any service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device. The term includes--

(1) The evaluation of the needs of an individual with a disability, including a functional evaluation of the individual in the individual's customary environment;

(2) Purchasing, leasing, or otherwise providing for the acquisition of assistive technology devices by individuals with disabilities;

(3) Selecting, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, maintaining, repairing, or replacing of assistive technology devices;

(4) Coordinating and using other therapies, interventions, or services with assistive technology devices, such as those associated with existing education and rehabilitation plans and programs;

(5) Training or technical assistance for an individual with disabilities, or, if appropriate, the family of an individual with disabilities; and

(6) Training or technical assistance for professionals (including individuals providing education and rehabilitation services), employers, or other individuals who provide services to, employ, or are otherwise substantially involved in the major life functions of individuals with disabilities.

Community rehabilitation program means a program that provides directly or facilitates the provision of vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities, and that provides, singly or in combination, for an individual

with a disability to enable the individual to maximize opportunities for employment, including career advancement--

- (1) Medical, psychiatric, psychological, social, and vocational services that are provided under one management;
- (2) Testing, fitting, or training in the use of prosthetic and orthotic devices;
- (3) Recreational therapy;
- (4) Physical and occupational therapy;
- (5) Speech, language, and hearing therapy;
- (6) Psychiatric, psychological, and social services, including positive behavior management;
- (7) Assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs;
- (8) Rehabilitation technology;
- (9) Job development, placement, and retention services;
- (10) Evaluation or control of specific disabilities;
- (11) Orientation and mobility services for individuals who are blind;
- (12) Extended employment;
- (13) Psychosocial rehabilitation services;
- (14) Supported employment services and extended services;
- (15) Services to family members when necessary to the vocational rehabilitation of the individual;
- (16) Personal assistance services; or
- (17) Services similar to the services described in paragraphs (1) through (16) of this definition.

Designated State agency means an agency designated under section 101(a)(1)(A) of the Act.

Designated State unit means (1) Any State agency unit required under section 101(a)(2)(A) of the Act, or (2) In cases in which no State agency unit is required, the State agency described in section 101(a)(2)(B)(I) of the Act.

Independent living core services means--

- (1) Information and referral services;
- (2) Independent living skills training;
- (3) Peer counseling, including cross-disability peer counseling; and
- (4) Individual and systems advocacy.

Independent living services includes--

- (1) Independent living core services; and
- (2)(I) Counseling services, including psychological, psychotherapeutic, and related services;
- (ii) Services related to securing housing or shelter, including services related to community group living, and supportive of the purposes of this Act and of the titles of this Act, and adaptive housing services (including appropriate accommodations to and modifications of any space used to serve, or occupied by, individuals with disabilities);
- (iii) Rehabilitation technology;
- (iv) Mobility training;
- (v) Services and training for individuals with cognitive and sensory disabilities, including life skills training, and interpreter and reader services;
- (vi) Personal assistance services, including attendant care and the training of personnel providing these services;
- (vii) Surveys, directories, and other activities to identify appropriate housing, recreation opportunities, and accessible transportation, and other support services;
- (viii) Consumer information programs on rehabilitation and independent living services available under this Act, especially for minorities and other individuals with disabilities who have traditionally been unserved or underserved by programs under this Act;
- (ix) Education and training necessary for living in the community and participating in community activities;
- (x) Supported living;
- (xi) Transportation, including referral and assistance for transportation;
- (xii) Physical rehabilitation;
- (xiii) Therapeutic treatment;
- (xiv) Provision of needed prostheses and other appliances and devices;
- (xv) Individual and group social and recreational services;
- (xvi) Training to develop skills specifically designed for youths who are individuals with disabilities to promote self-awareness and esteem, develop advocacy and self-empowerment skills, and explore career options;
- (xvii) Services for children;
- (xviii) Services under other Federal, State, or local programs designed to provide resources, training, counseling, or other assistance of substantial benefit in enhancing the independence, productivity, and quality of life of individuals with disabilities;
- (xix) Appropriate preventive services to decrease the need of individuals assisted under this Act for similar services in the future;
- (xx) Community awareness programs to enhance the understanding and integration of individuals with disabilities; and
- (xxi) Such other services as may be necessary and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

Individual with a disability means any individual who--

- (1) Has a physical or mental impairment, which for that individual constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment; and
- (2) Can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from vocational rehabilitation services provided pursuant to titles I, II, III, VI, or VIII of the Act.

Individual with a severe disability means an individual with a disability--

(1) Who has a severe physical or mental impairment that seriously limits one or more functional capacities (such as mobility, communication, self-care, self-direction, interpersonal skills, work tolerance, or work skills) in terms of an employment outcome;

(2) Whose vocational rehabilitation can be expected to require multiple vocational rehabilitation services over an extended period of time; and

(3) Who has one or more physical or mental disabilities resulting from amputation, arthritis, autism, blindness, burn injury, cancer, cerebral palsy, cystic fibrosis, deafness, head injury, heart disease, hemiplegia, hemophilia, respiratory or pulmonary dysfunction, mental retardation, mental illness, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, musculo-skeletal disorders, neurological disorders (including stroke and epilepsy), paraplegia, quadriplegia and other spinal cord conditions, sickle-cell anemia, specific learning disabilities, end-stage renal disease, or another disability or combination of disabilities determined on the basis of an assessment for determining eligibility and vocational rehabilitation needs to cause comparable substantial functional limitation.

Institution of higher education has the meaning given the term in section 1201(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1141(a)).

Personal assistance services means a range of services provided by one or more persons designed to assist an individual with a disability to perform daily living activities on or off the job that the individual would typically perform if the individual did not have a disability. The services shall be designed to increase the individual's control in life and ability to perform everyday activities on or off the job.

Qualified personnel: (1) For designated State agencies or designated State units, means personnel who have met standards that are consistent with existing national or State approved or recognized certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements that apply to the area in which such personnel are providing vocational rehabilitation services.

(2) For other than designated State agencies or designated State units, means personnel who have met existing State certification or licensure requirements, or in the absence of State requirements, have met professionally accepted requirements established by national certification boards.

Rehabilitation technology means the systematic application of technologies, engineering methodologies, or scientific principles to meet the needs of and address the barriers confronted by individuals with disabilities in areas that include education, rehabilitation, employment, transportation, independent living, and recreation. The term includes rehabilitation engineering, assistive technology devices, and assistive technology services.

State includes, in addition to each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of Palau (until the Compact of Free Association with Palau takes effect).

Stipend means financial assistance on behalf of individuals in support of their training, as opposed to salary payment for services provided within the project.

Supported employment means--

(1) Competitive work in integrated work settings for individuals with the most severe disabilities--

(I)(A) For whom competitive employment has not traditionally occurred; or

(B) For whom competitive employment has been interrupted or intermittent as a result of a severe disability; and

(ii) Who, because of the nature and severity of their disability, need intensive supported employment services from the designated State unit and extended services after transition in order to perform this work.

(2) Transitional employment for individuals with the most severe disabilities due to mental illness.

Supported employment services means ongoing support services and other appropriate services needed to support and maintain an individual with most severe disability in supported employment, that are--

(1) Provided singly or in combination and are organized and made available in such a way as to assist an eligible individual in entering or maintaining integrated, competitive employment;

(2) Based on a determination of the needs of an eligible individual, as specified in an individualized written rehabilitation program; and

(3) Provided by the designated State unit for a period of time not to extend beyond 18 months, unless under special circumstances the eligible individual and the rehabilitation counselor or coordinator jointly agree to extend the time in order to achieve the rehabilitation objectives identified in the individualized written rehabilitation program.

Vocational rehabilitation services means the same as the term is defined in 34 CFR 369.4(b).

(Authority: Secs. 7, 12(c), and 101(a)(7) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 706, 711(c), and 721(a)(7))

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Subpart B--[Reserved]

Subpart C--How Does One Apply for a Grant?

Sec. 385.20 What are the application procedures for these programs?

The Secretary gives the designated State agency an opportunity to review and comment on applications submitted



from within the State that it serves. The procedures to be followed by the applicant and the State are in EDGAR Secs. 75.155-75.159.

(Authority: Sec. 12(c) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

[45 FR 86379, Dec. 30, 1980, as amended at 59 FR 8347, Feb. 18, 1994]

#### Subpart D--How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

Sec. 385.30 [Reserved]

Sec. 385.31 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates each applications under the procedures in 34 CFR Part 75.

(b) The Secretary evaluates each application using selection criteria identified in Parts 386, 387, 388, 389 and 390, as appropriate.

(c) In addition to the selection criteria described in paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary evaluates each application using--

(1) Selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210;

(2) Selection criteria established under 34 CFR 75.209; or

(3) A combination of selection criteria established under 34 CFR 75.209 and selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

Sec. 385.33 What other factors does the Secretary consider in reviewing an application?

In addition to the selection criteria listed in Sec. 75.210 and Parts 386 through 390, the Secretary, in making awards under this program, considers such factors as--

(a) The geographical distribution of projects in each Rehabilitation Training Program category throughout the country; and

(b) The past performance of the applicant in carrying out similar training activities under previously awarded grants, as indicated by such factors as compliance with grant conditions, soundness of programmatic and financial management practices and attainment of established project objectives.

(Authority: Sec. 12(c) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

#### Subpart E--What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?

Sec. 385.40 What are the requirements pertaining to the membership of a project advisory committee?

If a project funded under 34 CFR parts 386 through 390 or 396 establishes an advisory committee, its membership must include individuals with disabilities or parents, family members, guardians, advocates, or other authorized representatives of the individuals; members of minority groups; trainees; and providers of vocational rehabilitation and independent living rehabilitation services.

(Authority: Sec. 12(c) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

[59 FR 8347, Feb. 18, 1994]

Sec. 385.41 What are the requirements affecting the collection of data from designated State agencies?

If the collection of data is necessary from individuals with disabilities being served by two or more designated State agencies or from employees of two or more of these agencies, the project director must submit requests for the data to appropriate representatives of the affected agencies, as determined by the Secretary. This requirement also applies to employed project staff and individuals enrolled in courses of study supported under these programs.

(Authority: Sec. 12(C) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

[45 FR 86379, Dec. 30, 1980, as amended at 53 FR 17147, May 13, 1988; 59 FR 8347, Feb. 18, 1994]

Sec. 385.42 What are the requirements affecting the dissemination of training materials?

A set of any training materials developed under the Rehabilitation Training Program must be submitted to any information clearinghouse designated by the Secretary.

(Authority: Sec. 12(c) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c))

Sec. 385.43 What requirements apply to the training of rehabilitation counselors and other rehabilitation personnel?

Any grantee who provides training of rehabilitation counselors or other rehabilitation personnel under any of the programs in 34 CFR parts 386 through 390 shall train those counselors and personnel on the services provided under this Act, and, in particular, services provided in accordance with amendments made by the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992. The grantee shall also furnish training to these counselors and personnel regarding the applicability of section 504 of this Act, title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the provisions of titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act that are related to work incentives for individuals with disabilities.

(Authority: Sec. 302(a)(3) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 774(a)(3))

[59 FR 8347, Feb. 18, 1994]

Sec. 385.44 What requirement applies to the training of individuals with disabilities?

Any grantee or contractor who provides training under any of the programs in 34 CFR parts 386 through 390 and 396 shall give due regard to the training of individuals with disabilities as part of its effort to increase the number of qualified personnel available to provide rehabilitation services.

(Authority: Sec. 302(a)(1) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 774(a)(1))

[59 FR 8347, Feb. 18, 1994]

Sec. 385.45 What additional application requirements apply to the training of individuals for rehabilitation careers?

(a) All applicants for a grant or contract to provide training under any of the programs in 34 CFR parts 386 through 390 and 396 shall demonstrate how the training they plan to provide will prepare rehabilitation professionals to address the needs of individuals with disabilities from minority backgrounds.

(b) All applicants for a grant under any of the programs in 34 CFR parts 386 through 390 and 396 shall include a detailed description of strategies that will be utilized to recruit and train persons so as to reflect the diverse populations of the United States, as part of the effort to increase the number of individuals with disabilities, and individuals who are members of minority groups, who are available to provide rehabilitation services.

(Authority: Secs. 21(b)(5) and 302(a)(5) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 718b(b)(6) and 774(a)(6))

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1820-0018)

[59 FR 8347, Feb. 18, 1994, as amended at 59 FR 33680, June 30, 1994]

Sec. 385.46 What limitations apply to the rate of pay for experts or consultants appointed or serving under contract under the Rehabilitation Training program?

An expert or consultant appointed or serving under contract pursuant to this section shall be compensated at a rate subject to approval of the Commissioner which shall not exceed the daily equivalent of the rate of pay for level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382 of title 5, United States Code. Such an expert or consultant may be allowed travel and transportation expenses in accordance with section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(Authority: Sec. 302(g)(2) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 774(g)(2))

[59 FR 8347, Feb. 18, 1994]

## PROGRAM REGULATIONS

### PART 390 – SHORT-TERM TRAINING

#### Subpart C--[Reserved]

#### Subpart D--How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

##### Sec. 390.30 What additional selection criterion is used under this program?

In addition to the criteria in 34 CFR 385.31(c), the Secretary uses the following additional selection criterion to evaluate an application: (a) Relevancce to State-Federal rehabilitation service program.

- (1) The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that the proposed project appropriately relates to the mission of the State-Federal rehabilitation service programs.
  - (2) The Secretary looks for information that shows that the proposed project can be expected to improve the skills and competence of--
    - (i) Personnel engaged in the administration or delivery of rehabilitation services; and
    - (ii) Others with an interest in the delivery of rehabilitation services.
- (b) [Reserved]

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 774)

[62 FR 10406, Mar. 6, 1997]

#### Subpart E--What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?

##### Sec. 390.40 What are the matching requirements?

A grantee must contribute to the cost of a project under this program in an amount satisfactory to the Secretary. The part of the cost to be borne by the grantee is determined by the Secretary at the time of the grant award.

(Authority: Secs. 12(c) and 302 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 774)

[45 FR 86365, Dec. 30, 1980, as amended at 59 FR 8348, Feb. 18, 1994]

##### Sec. 390.41 What are allowable costs?

In addition to those allowable costs established under EDGAR Secs. 75.530-75.562, the following items are allowable under Rehabilitation Continuing Education programs --

- (a) Trainee per diem costs;
- (b) Trainee travel in connection with a training course;
- (c) Trainee tuition and fees; and
- (d) Special accommodations for trainees with handicaps.

(Authority: Secs. 12(c) and 302 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 774)

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## **SECTION F**

### **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Secretary uses the following selection criteria to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition. The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses. Because no points are assigned to the selected factors, the Secretary evaluates each factor within each criterion equally.

The criteria are:

#### **RELEVANCE TO STATE-FEDERAL REHABILITATION SERVICE PROGRAM (20 points)**

The Secretary reviews each application for information that shows that:

- (1) The proposed project appropriately relates to the mission of the State-Federal rehabilitation service programs;
- (2) The proposed project includes an assessment of the potential of existing programs within the geographical area (including State vocational rehabilitation unit in-service training) to meet the needs for which support is sought.
- (3) The proposed project can be expected to improve the competence of professional and other personnel in the rehabilitation agencies serving individuals with severe disabilities.

#### **NEED FOR PROJECT (10 points)**

In determining the need for the project, the Secretary considers:

- (1) The magnitude of the need for the services to be provided or the activities to be carried out by the proposed project;
- (2) The extent to which the proposed project will prepare personnel for fields in which shortages have been demonstrated.,

#### **SIGNIFICANCE (10 points)**

The Secretary considers:

- (1) The potential contribution of the proposed project to increased knowledge or understanding of rehabilitation problems, issues, or effective strategies;
- (2) The likelihood that the proposed project will result in system change or improvement;
- (3) The extent to which the proposed project is likely to build local capacity to provide, improve, or expand services that address the needs of the target population.

#### **QUALITY OF PROJECT DESIGN (10 points)**

In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the Secretary considers:

- (1) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable;
- (2) The extent to which the proposed activities constitute a coherent sustained program of training in the field;
- (3) The extent to which the proposed project represents an exceptional approach to the priorities established for the competition.
- (4) The extent to which the proposed project will be coordinated with similar or related efforts, and with other appropriate community, State, and Federal resources.

### **QUALITY OF PROJECT SERVICES (10 points)**

In determining the quality of the services to be provided by the proposed project, the Secretary considers:

- (1) The quality and sufficiency of strategies for ensuring equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability.
- (2) The extent to which the training or professional development services to be provided by the proposed project are of sufficient quality, intensity, and duration to lead to improvements in practice among the recipients of these services;
- (3) The extent to which the training or professional development services to be provided by the proposed project are likely to alleviate the personnel shortages that have been identified or are the focus of the proposed project.

### **QUALITY OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN (10 points)**

In determining the quality of the management plan for the proposed project, the Secretary considers:

- (1) The adequacy of the management plan to achieve the objectives of the proposed project on time and within budget, including clearly defined responsibilities, timelines, and milestones for accomplishing project tasks;
- (2) The adequacy of procedures for ensuring feedback and continuous improvement in the operation of the proposed project;
- (3) The extent to which the time commitments of the project director and principal investigator and other key project personnel are appropriate and adequate to meet the objectives of the proposed project.

### **QUALITY OF THE PROJECT EVALUATION (10 points)**

In determining the quality of project evaluation, the Secretary considers:

- (1) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project;

- (2) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are appropriate to the context within which the project operates;
- (3) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible.

#### **QUALITY OF PROJECT PERSONNEL (10 points)**

In determining the quality of project personnel, the Secretary considers:

- (1) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability;
- (2) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of the project director or principal investigator;
- (3) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project Personnel;
- (4) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience of project consultants or subcontractors.

#### **ADEQUACY OF RESOURCES (10 points)**

In considering the adequacy of resources, the Secretary considers:

- (1) The adequacy of support, including facilities, equipment, supplies, and other resources, from the applicant organization or the lead applicant organization;
- (2) The extent to which the budget is adequate to support the proposed project;
- (3) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives, design, and potential significance of the proposed project;
- (4) The extent to which the costs are reasonable in relation to the number of persons to be served and to the anticipated results and benefits;
- (5) The potential for the incorporation of project purposes, activities, or benefits into the ongoing program of the agency or organization at the end of Federal funding.



## **SECTION G**

### **Application Transmittal Instructions**

An application for an award must be hand delivered or postmarked by the closing date.

#### **Application Delivered by Hand/Carrier Service.**

An application that is hand delivered must be taken to the U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Room 3633, General Services Administration National Capital Region, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-4725.

The Application Control Center will accept deliveries between 8:00 a.m., and 4:30 p.m. (Washington, D.C.) daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and Federal holidays.

Individuals delivering applications must use the D Street Entrance. Proper identification is necessary to enter the building.

In order for an application sent through a Courier Service to be considered timely, the Courier Service must be in receipt of the application on or before the closing date.

#### **Applications Sent by Mail**

An application sent by mail must be addressed to the U.S. Department of Education, Application Control Center, Attention: CFDA 84.246D, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20202-4337.

An application must show proof of mailing consisting of one of the following:

- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service Postmark.
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If an application is sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

- (1) A private metered postmark, or
- (2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

An applicant should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

An applicant is encouraged to use registered or at least first class mail.

Each late applicant will be notified that its application will not be considered.

#### **Acknowledgment of Grant Application Receipt**

The Application Control Center will mail a Grant Application Receipt Acknowledgment to each applicant. If an applicant fails to receive the notification of application receipt within 15 days from the closing date, the applicant should call the U.S. Department of Education Application Control Center at (202) 708-9493.

The applicant must indicate on the envelope, and in item 10 of the Application for Federal Assistance - Standard Form 424 (unless preprinted on the form by the Department), the CFDA number - 84.246D - of the competition under which the application is being submitted.





## **SECTION H**

### **APPLICATION FORMS**

U.S. Department of Education  
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

#### **REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE (Non-construction Programs)**

The enclosed forms shall be used by all applicants for Federal Assistance under all Rehabilitation Services Administration programs. A separate application must be submitted for each grant sought. No grant may be awarded unless the completed application forms have been received. If an item does not appear to be relevant to the assistance requested, write "NA" for not applicable.

This application consists of four parts. These parts are organized in the same manner that the submitted application should be organized. These parts are as follows:

Part I - Federal Assistance Application Face Page

Part II - Budget Information

Part III - Program Narrative

Part IV - Assurances, Certifications and Disclosures

Each submitted application must include an index or table of contents and a one-page project abstract. Pages should be consecutively numbered.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1820-0018. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 40 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Under terms of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, as amended, and the regulations implementing that Act, the Department of Education invites comment on the public reporting burden in this collection of information. You may send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Education, Information Management and Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1820-0018, Washington, D.C. 20503.

# Application for Federal Education Assistance



Note: If available, please provide application package on diskette

U.S. Department of Education

Form Approved OMB No.  
1875-0106 PENDING  
OMB CLEARANCE

## Applicant Information

### 1. Name and Address

Organizational Unit

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City

State

County

ZIP Code + 4

2. Applicant's D-U-N-S Number: | | | | | | | | | |

6. Is the applicant delinquent on any Federal debt? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach an explanation.)

3. Applicant's T-I-N: | | | | | | | | | |

4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance #: **84.246D** → Title: Short Term Training: National Rehabilitation Leadership Institute

5. Project Director: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Type of Applicant (Enter appropriate letter in the box.) | | | | |

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

A - State H - Independent School District  
B - County I - Public College or University  
C - Municipal J - Private, Non-Profit College or University  
D - Township K - Indian Tribe  
E - Interstate L - Individual  
F - Intermunicipal M - Private, Profit-Making Organization  
G - Special District N - Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip code + 4

Tel. #: ( ) - - Fax #: ( ) - -

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Novice Applicant ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Application Information

### 9. Type of Submission:

-PreApplication

-Application

Construction

Construction

Non-Construction

Non-Construction

10. Is application subject to review by Executive Order 12372 process?

☐ Yes (Date made available to the Executive Order 12372

process for review): / /

☐ No (If "No," check appropriate box below.)

☐ Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

☐ Program has not been selected by State for review.

11. Proposed Project Dates: / /

Start Date:

End Date:

12. Are any research activities involving human subjects planned at any time during the proposed project period? ☐ Yes ☐ No

a. If "Yes," Exemption(s) #: b. Assurance of Compliance #:

OR

c. IRB approval date:

Full IRB or

Expedited Review

13. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

## Estimated Funding

## Authorized Representative Information

14a. Federal \$ .00

and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant

b. Applicant \$ .00

and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is awarded.

c. State \$ .00

a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative

d. Local \$ .00

e. Other \$ .00

b. Title: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Program Income \$ .00

c. Tel. #: ( ) - - Fax #: ( ) - -

**d.** E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**g. TOTAL**        \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . 00

**e. Signature of Authorized Representative**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

ED 424 (rev 1.12.99)

## Instructions for ED 424

- 1. Legal Name and Address.** Enter the legal name of applicant and the name of the primary organizational unit which will undertake the assistance activity.
- 2. D-U-N-S Number.** Enter the applicant's D-U-N-S Number. If your organization does not have a D-U-N-S Number, you can obtain the number by calling 1-800-333-0505 or by completing a D-U-N-S Number Request Form. The form can be obtained via the Internet at the following URL:  
<http://www.dnb.com/dbis/aboutdb/intlduns.htm>.
- 3. Tax Identification Number.** Enter the tax identification number as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 4. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number.** Enter the CFDA number and title of the program under which assistance is requested.
- 5. Project Director.** Name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application.
- 6. Federal Debt Delinquency.** Check "Yes" if the applicant's organization is delinquent on any Federal debt. (This question refers to the applicant's organization and not to the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes.) Otherwise, check "No."
- 7. Type of Applicant.** Enter the appropriate letter in the box provided.
- 8. Novice Applicant.** Check "Yes" only if assistance is being requested under a program that gives special consideration to novice applicants and you meet the program requirements for novice applicants. By checking "Yes" the applicant certifies that it meets the novice applicant requirements specified by ED. Otherwise, check "No."
- 9. Type of Submission.** Self-explanatory.
- 10. Executive Order 12372.** Check "Yes" if the application is subject to review by Executive Order 12372. Also, please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000). Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Otherwise, check "No."
- 11. Proposed Project Dates.** Please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000).
- 12. Human Subjects.** Check "Yes" or "No". If research activities involving human subjects are not planned at any time during the proposed project period, check "No." **The remaining parts of item 12 are then not applicable.**  
  
If research activities involving human subjects, whether or not exempt from Federal regulations for the protection of human subjects, are planned at any time during the proposed project period, either at the applicant organization or at any other performance site or collaborating institution, check "Yes." If all the research activities are designated to be exempt under the regulations, enter, in item 12a, the exemption number(s) corresponding to one or more of the six exemption categories listed in "Protection of Human Subjects in Research" attached to this form. Provide sufficient information in the application to allow a determination that the designated exemptions in item 12a, are appropriate. **Provide this narrative information in an "Item 12/Protection of Human Subjects Attachment" and insert this attachment immediately following the ED 424 face page. Skip the remaining parts of item 12.**  
  
If some or all of the planned research activities involving human subjects are covered (nonexempt), skip item 12a and continue with the remaining parts of item 12, as noted below. In addition, follow the instructions in "Protection of Human Subjects in Research" attached to this form to prepare the six-point narrative about the nonexempt activities. **Provide this six-point narrative in an "Item 12/Protection of Human**

**Subjects Attachment” and insert this attachment immediately following the ED 424 face page.**

**If the applicant organization has an approved Multiple Project Assurance of Compliance** on file with the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff (GPOS), U.S. Department of Education, or with the Office for Protection from Research Risks (OPRR), National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that covers the specific activity, enter the Assurance number in item 12b and the date of approval by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the proposed activities in item 12c. This date must be no earlier than one year before the receipt date for which the application is submitted and must include the four (4) digit year (e.g., 2000). Check the type of IRB review in the appropriate box. An IRB may use the expedited review procedure if it complies with the requirements of 34 CFR 97.110. If the IRB review is delayed beyond the submission of the application, enter **“Pending”** in item 12c. If your application is recommended/selected for funding, a follow-up certification of IRB approval from an official signing for the applicant organization must be sent to and received by the designated ED official within 30 days after a specific formal request from the designated ED official. **If the applicant organization does not have** on file with GPOS or OPRR **an approved Assurance of Compliance** that covers the proposed research activity, enter **“None”** in item 12b and skip 12c. In this case, the applicant organization, by the signature on the application, is declaring that it will comply with 34 CFR 97 within 30 days after a specific formal request from the designated ED official for the Assurance(s) and IRB certifications.

**13. Project Title.** Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If more than one program is involved, you should append an explanation on a separate sheet. If appropriate (e.g., construction or real property projects), attach a map showing project location. For preapplications, use a separate sheet to provide a summary description of this project.

**14. Estimated Funding.** Amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should

be included on appropriate lines as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate **only** the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses. If both basic and supplemental amounts are included, show breakdown on an attached sheet. For multiple program funding, use totals and show breakdown using same categories as item 14.

**15. Certification.** To be signed by the authorized representative of the applicant. A copy of the governing body’s authorization for you to sign this application as official representative must be on file in the applicant’s office.

Be sure to enter the telephone and fax number and e-mail address of the authorized representative. Also, in item 15e, please enter the month, date, and four (4) digit year (e.g., 12/12/2000) in the date signed field.

### **Paperwork Burden Statement**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1875-0106**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average between 15 and 45 minutes per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. **If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form write directly to:** Joyce I. Mays, Application Control Center, U.S. Department of Education, 7th and D Streets, S.W. ROB-3, Room 3633, Washington, D.C. 20202-4725

## **Protection of Human Subjects in Research (Attachment to ED 424)**

### **I. Instructions to Applicants about the Narrative Information that Must be Provided if Research Activities Involving Human Subjects are Planned.**

If you marked item 12 on the application “Yes” and designated exemptions in 12a, **(all research activities are exempt)**, provide sufficient information in the application to allow a determination that the designated exemptions are appropriate. Research involving human subjects that is exempt from the regulations is discussed under **II.B. “Exemptions,”** below. The Narrative must be succinct. **Provide this information in an “Item 12/Protection of Human Subjects Attachment” and insert this attachment immediately following the ED 424 face page.**

If you marked “Yes” to item 12 on the face page, and designated no exemptions from the regulations **(some or all of the research activities are nonexempt)**, address the following six points for each nonexempt activity. In addition, if research involving human subjects will take place at collaborating site(s) or other performance site(s), provide this information before discussing the six points. Although no specific page limitation applies to this section of the application, be succinct. Provide the six-point narrative and discussion of other performance sites in an **“Item 12/Protection of Human Subjects Attachment” and insert this attachment immediately following the ED 424 face page.**

(1) Provide a detailed description of the proposed involvement of human subjects. Describe the characteristics of the subject population, including their anticipated number, age range, and health status. Identify the criteria for inclusion or exclusion of any subpopulation. Explain the rationale for the involvement of special classes of subjects, such as children, children with disabilities, adults with disabilities, persons with mental disabilities, pregnant women, prisoners, institutionalized individuals, or others who are likely to be vulnerable.

(2) Identify the sources of research material obtained from individually identifiable living human subjects in the form of

specimens, records, or data. Indicate whether the material or data will be obtained specifically for research purposes or whether use will be made of existing specimens, records, or data.

(3) Describe plans for the recruitment of subjects and the consent procedures to be followed. Include the circumstances under which consent will be sought and obtained, who will seek it, the nature of the information to be provided to prospective subjects, and the method of documenting consent. State if the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has authorized a modification or waiver of the elements of consent or the requirement for documentation of consent.

(4) Describe potential risks (physical, psychological, social, legal, or other) and assess their likelihood and seriousness. Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that might be advantageous to the subjects.

(5) Describe the procedures for protecting against or minimizing potential risks, including risks to confidentiality, and assess their likely effectiveness. Where appropriate, discuss provisions for ensuring necessary medical or professional intervention in the event of adverse effects to the subjects. Also, where appropriate, describe the provisions for monitoring the data collected to ensure the safety of the subjects.

(6) Discuss why the risks to subjects are reasonable in relation to the anticipated benefits to subjects and in relation to the importance of the knowledge that may reasonably be expected to result.

### **II. Information on Research Activities Involving Human Subjects**

#### **A. Definitions.**

A research activity involves human subjects if the activity is research, as defined in the Department’s regulations, and the research activity will involve use of human subjects, as

defined in the regulations.

### —Is it a research activity?

The ED Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97, define research as “a systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.” *If an activity follows a deliberate plan whose purpose is to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge, such as an exploratory study or the collection of data to test a hypothesis, it is research.* Activities which meet this definition constitute research whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program which is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

### —Is it a human subject?

The regulations define human subject as “a living individual about whom an investigator (whether professional or student) conducting research obtains (1) data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) identifiable private information.” *(1) If an activity involves obtaining information about a living person by manipulating that person or that person’s environment, as might occur when a new instructional technique is tested, or by communicating or interacting with the individual, as occurs with surveys and interviews, the definition of human subject is met. (2) If an activity involves obtaining private information about a living person in such a way that the information can be linked to that individual (the identity of the subject is or may be readily determined by the investigator or associated with the information), the definition of human subject is met.* [Private information includes information about behavior that occurs in a context in which an individual can reasonably expect that no observation or recording is taking place, and information which has been provided for specific purposes by an individual and which the individual can reasonably expect will not be made public (for example, a school health record).]

## B. Exemptions.

Research activities in which the only involvement of human subjects will be in one or more of the following six categories of **exemptions** are not covered by the regulations:

(1) Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings, involving normal educational practices, such as (a) research on regular and special education instructional strategies, or (b) research on the effectiveness of or the comparison among instructional techniques, curricula, or classroom management methods.

(2) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless: (a) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects; and (b) any disclosure of the human subjects’ responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects’ financial standing, employability, or reputation. ***If the subjects are children, this exemption applies only to research involving educational tests or observations of public behavior when the investigator(s) do not participate in the activities being observed.*** [Children are defined as persons who have not attained the legal age for consent to treatments or procedures involved in the research, under the applicable law or jurisdiction in which the research will be conducted.]

(3) Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior that is not exempt under section (2) above, if the human subjects are elected or appointed public officials or candidates for public office; or federal statute(s) require(s) without exception that the confidentiality of the personally identifiable information will be maintained throughout the research and thereafter.

(4) Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens, if these sources are publicly available



or if the information is recorded by the investigator in a manner that subjects cannot be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects.

(5) Research and demonstration projects which are conducted by or subject to the approval of department or agency heads, and which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine: (a) public benefit or service programs; (b) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (c) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (d) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

(6) Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies, (a) if wholesome foods without additives are consumed or (b) if a food is consumed that contains a food ingredient at or below the level and for a use found to be safe, or agricultural chemical or environmental contaminant at or below the level found to be safe, by the Food and Drug Administration or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency or the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

***Copies of the Department of Education's Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects, 34 CFR Part 97 and other pertinent materials on the protection of human subjects in research are available from the Grants Policy and Oversight Staff (GPOS) Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C., telephone: (202) 708-8263, and on the U.S. Department of Education's Protection of Human Subjects in Research Web Site at <http://ocfo.ed.gov/humansub.htm>.***



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET INFORMATION  
NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Control No. 1880—0538

Expiration Date: 10/31/03

Name of Institution/Organization

Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1."  
Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FUNDS

| Budget Categories                    | Project Year 1<br>(a) | Project Year 2<br>(b) | Project Year 3<br>(c) | Project Year 4<br>(d) | Project Year 5<br>(e) | Total<br>(f) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Personnel                         |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 2. Fringe Benefits                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 3. Travel                            |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 4. Equipment                         |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 5. Supplies                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 6. Contractual                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 7. Construction                      |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 8. Other                             |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 9. Total Direct Costs<br>(lines 1-8) |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 10. Indirect Costs                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 11. Training Stipends                |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |

|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>12. Total Costs</b><br><b>(lines 9-11)</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|

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Name of Institution/Organization

Applicants requesting funding for only one year should complete the column under "Project Year 1."  
Applicants requesting funding for multi-year grants should complete all applicable columns. Please read all instructions before completing form.

SECTION B - BUDGET SUMMARY  
NON-FEDERAL FUNDS

| Budget Categories                    | Project Year 1<br>(a) | Project Year 2<br>(b) | Project Year 3<br>(c) | Project Year 4<br>(d) | Project Year 5<br>(e) | Total<br>(f) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Personnel                         |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 2. Fringe Benefits                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 3. Travel                            |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 4. Equipment                         |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 5. Supplies                          |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 6. Contractual                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 7. Construction                      |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 8. Other                             |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 9. Total Direct Costs<br>(lines 1-8) |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 10. Indirect Costs                   |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 11. Training Stipends                |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |
| 12. Total Costs<br>(lines 9-11)      |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |              |

SECTION C - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION (see instructions)

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 13 to 22 hours per response, with an average of 17.5 hours per response, including the time reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Education, Information Management and Compliance Division, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 1875-0102, Washington DC 20503.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ED FORM 524

### General Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual U.S. Department of Education discretionary grant programs. Unless directed otherwise, provide the same budget information for each year of the multi-year funding request. Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

### Section A - Budget Summary U.S. Department of Education Funds

All applicants must complete Section A and provide a breakdown by the applicable budget categories shown in lines 1-11.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which funding is requested, show the total amount requested for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If funding is requested for only one project year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total budget request for each project year for which funding is requested.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount requested for all project years. If funding is requested for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section B - Budget Summary  
Non-Federal Funds

If you are required to provide or volunteer to provide matching funds or other non-Federal resources to the project, these should be shown for each applicable budget category on lines 1-11 of Section B.

Lines 1-11, columns (a)-(e): For each project year for which matching funds or other contributions are provided, show the total contribution for each applicable budget category.

Lines 1-11, column (f): Show the multi-year total for each budget category. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this column blank.

Line 12, columns (a)-(e): Show the total matching or other contribution for each project year.

Line 12, column (f): Show the total amount to be contributed for all years of the multi-year project. If non-Federal contributions are provided for only one year, leave this space blank.

Section C - Other Budget Information  
Pay attention to applicable program specific instructions, if attached.

1. Provide an itemized budget breakdown, by project year, for each budget category listed in Sections A and B.
2. If applicable to this program, enter the type of indirect rate (provisional, predetermined, final or fixed) that will be in effect during the funding period. In addition, enter the estimated amount of the base to which the rate is applied, and the total indirect expense.
3. If applicable to this program, provide the rate and base on which fringe benefits are calculated.
4. Provide other explanations or comments you deem necessary.

Section D - BUDGET DETAIL/NARRATIVE

Attach separate sheets to fully explain and justify the following budget categories in support of the FEDERAL funding request. (Section A) and the no-Federal Funds (Section B).

Include sufficient detail to facilitate determination as to allowability, relevance to the project, and cost benefits.

1. Personnel: Show the salary and wages, title, and time commitment of all persons charged to the project. Consultant fees and expenses must be included in Line 8.
2. Fringe Benefits: Include contributions for Social Security, employee insurance, pension plans, etc. Leave blank if fringe benefits applicable to direct salaries and wages are treated as part of the indirect cost rate.
3. Travel: Itemize the amount requested for travel of employees only. Travel of consultants, trainees, etc. should not go on this line, nor should local transportation costs for project staff (i.e., where no out-of-town trip is involved); these costs should be listed under the category of "Other".

While all travel must be fully justified foreign travel should be separately identified and justified. No foreign travel will be authorized under the grant unless prior approval is obtained.

4. Equipment: List nonexpendable personal property that has a useful life of more than two years and an acquisition cost of \$500 or more per unit. However, consistent with institutional policy, lower limits may be established. List items of equipment in the following format: Item, Number of Units, Cost per Unit, and Total Cost. Fully justify the need for each item of equipment.
5. Supplies: Include the cost of consumable supplies and materials to be used in the project. These should be items which cost less than \$300 per unit with a useful life of less than two years.
6. Contractual: Show all amounts for each of the Following: (1) procurement contracts (except those which belong on other lines such as supplies and equipment listed above) and (2) grant payments to secondary recipient organizations such as delegate agencies, affiliates, cooperating institutions, political subdivisions, etc. Indicate the name of the agency, organization, or individual that is expected to receive each proposed contract. This should be supported in Part III - Program Narrative.

Note: Whenever the applicant intends to delegate part or all of the program to another agency, the applicant must submit, if available, a copy of the proposed contract or grant payment and any other supporting documentation detailing the activity and required budget of each delegate agency. If the proposed contract or grant payment has not yet been advertised and/or negotiated, the applicant should provide any basis available that was used in developing the proposed contract/grant payment costs. Delegate agencies are not required to submit separate budget information for their portion of the total contractual budget. The total cost of all such agencies will be part of the amount shown on Line 6.

7. Other: Provide an itemized list of all remaining direct costs not clearly covered by lines 1-6 above. Examples are computer use charges, space or equipment rental, consultant costs, communication costs, rental of space, utilities and custodial services, printing materials, and local transportation.

For consultant expenses, give the total number of consultants that will work on the project and their costs (fees, per diem, and travel). Provide the basis for the determination of the rate identified for consultant costs for which Federal funds are requested. The justification should demonstrate how the consultant costs are reasonable, customary and consistent with the established institutional/organizational/agency policy governing consultant costs.

8. Total Direct Costs: Total lines 1 through 8.
9. Total Indirect Costs: Indirect costs are those costs of an organization that are not readily identifiable with a particular project or activity but are necessary for the general operation of the organization and the conduct of its activities.

Indicate your indirect cost rate and the amount of indirect costs to be charged to the project. If no indirect costs are requested, enter "none." This line should be used only when the applicant (except local government(s) has an indirect cost rate approved by the Department of Education (ED) or another Federal agency. Local governments shall enter the amount of indirect costs determined in accordance with ED requirements.

Except for State or local governments (defined in 34 CFR Part 74), the reimbursement of indirect costs for grants under the Rehabilitation Training Program (CFDA 84.129 and CFDA 84.246) and the Training of Interpreters for Deaf Individuals Program (CFDA 84.160) is limited to the lesser of actual indirect costs or 8 (eight) percent of direct costs.

10. Training Stipends: Explain all costs included under the category of Training Stipends. Where (CFDA 84.129), provide details in supplementary Table I (Schedule of Traineeship Expenses). our budget requests for the Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program should include only full academic scholarships based on actual length of training and tuition and fee costs for each trainee.

11. Total Project Costs: Total lines 8 and 9.

In addition, provide an itemized list of the sources of all NON-FEDERAL funds which ties to the amounts reflected in Section B.



### **PART III - PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

Prepare the Program Narrative in accordance with the following instructions. Before preparing the Program Narrative, applicants should carefully review the program regulations contained in this application package, paying special attention to the selection criteria. The Program Narrative must respond to the special emphasis of the specific program for which grant support is being requested and the selection criteria identified in the program regulations.

In addition, applicants should read the applicable parts of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR. These regulations set forth all general rules affecting application submittal, review, grant award, and post-award administration for Department of Education grant programs.

**NOTE:** Applicants should refer to the "Dear Applicant" Letter. It cites the appropriate sections of the program regulations and the applicable parts of EDGAR. The texts of all necessary program statutes and regulations are included in the Rules and Regulations Section of this application package.

Limit the Program Narrative to 45 pages, double spaced, and number pages consecutively (refer to the "Dear Applicant letter for specific requirements). The narrative should be written concisely. Only the required information should be submitted. If appendices or other supplemental materials are included, they must be kept to a minimum and must substantiate what is proposed in the narrative., e.g., the results of a needs survey or letters of commitment from organizations that will have significant involvement with the project. All vitae should be limited to one page in length showing the source and date of earned degrees, experience relevant to working with individuals who are disabled and the person's direct relationship to the project, e.g., how the person will function in the project. Also, use spring clips or rubber bands to hold the application together. Do not use binders, folders, and staples as they must be removed before duplicating applications

**NOTE:** Funded projects will be required to report evaluation findings in the annual progress report (as part of the continuation application) and in the final report at the conclusion of the project.

#### **IF APPLICABLE, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- (a) If a rehabilitation project is in its final year of support and refunding for a new project is being requested, provide a progress report that includes a discussion of all accomplishments to date in achieving project objectives and a schedule of accomplishments or milestones anticipated with the new funding request.
- (b) A listing showing the Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog number, status and amount of each project where there is related previous, pending or anticipated assistance.

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## ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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**Note:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
  2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
  3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
- ll initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. ??4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
  6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. ??1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. ?794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. ?? 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) ?? 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. ?? 290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. ? 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
  7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in

real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

8. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1721 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

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**CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER  
RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS; AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," and 34 CFR Part 85, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Education determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

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**1. LOBBYING**

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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**2. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, for prospective participants in primary covered transactions, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110--

A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgement rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection

with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (2)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transaction (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default; and

B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

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**3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE  
(GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610 -

A. The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

(a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;

(b) Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:

(1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;

(2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;

(3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and

(4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

(c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in

the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);

(d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will:

(e) Notifying the agency, in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).

B. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

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(1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

Check ☐ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

**DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE  
(GRANTEES WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS)**

As required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 85, Subpart F, for grantees, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.605 and 85.610-

A. As a condition of the grant, I certify that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant; and

B. If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, I will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to: Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3), Washington, DC 20202-4248. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certifications.

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### Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

#### Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

#### Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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### Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

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| <b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b><br>a. contract<br>_____ b. grant<br>c. cooperative agreement<br>d. loan<br>e. loan guarantee<br>f. loan insurance   | <b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b><br>a. bid/offer/application<br>_____ b. initial award<br>c. post-award  | <b>3. Report Type:</b><br>a. initial filing<br>_____ b. material change<br><br><b>For material change only:</b><br>Year _____ quarter _____<br>Date of last report _____ |
| <b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b><br>_____ Prime      _____ Subawardee<br>Tier _____, if Known:<br><br><br><b>Congressional District, if known:</b>   | <b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee,</b><br>Enter Name and Address of Prime:<br><br><br><br><br><b>Congressional District, if known:</b> |  |
| <b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b>  | <b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b><br><br><br>CFDA Number, if applicable:<br>_____   |  |
| <b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b>  | <b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b><br><br>\$   |  |
| <b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b><br><i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>   | <b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i><br><i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>                 |  |
| <b>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</b> | <b>Signature:</b><br>_____<br><br><b>Print Name:</b> _____<br><br><b>Title:</b> _____<br><br><b>Telephone No.:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____           |  |

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503



## **SECTION I**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

#### **NOTICE REGARDING SUBMISSION OF TRAINING MATERIALS TO THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE OF REHABILITATION TRAINING MATERIALS**

For a number of years the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) has provided funding for a National Clearinghouse Rehabilitation Training Materials (NCHRTM). The purpose of the NCHRTM is to provide training materials that would benefit rehabilitation personnel. NCHRTM promotes a computerized on-line catalog of RSA training materials by circulation of its materials collection through electronic catalogs and inventory systems.

The success of the NCHRTM depends largely upon training projects sharing their materials with the NCHRTM. To this end, RSA requires training grantees to submit any training materials developed for their projects to:

**THE NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON REHABILITATION TRAINING MATERIALS**

**ATTENTION: DAVID J. BROOKS, DIRECTOR**

**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**5202 N. Richmond Drive**

**Stillwater, OK 74078-4080**

**(405) 624-7650**

**(800) 223-5219**

**brookdj@okway.okstate.edu**

**(website: <http://www.nchrtm.okstate.edu>)**



## NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

The purpose of this enclosure is to inform you about a new provision in the Department of Education's General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) that applies to applicants for new grant awards under Department programs. This provision is Section 427 of GEPA, enacted as part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Public Law (P.L.) 103-382).

### **To Whom Does This Provision Apply?**

Section 427 of GEPA affects applicants for new grant awards under this program. **ALL APPLICANTS FOR NEW AWARDS MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THEIR APPLICATIONS TO ADDRESS THIS NEW PROVISION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THIS PROGRAM.**

(If this program is a State-formula grant program, a State needs to provide this description only for projects or activities that it carries out with funds reserved for State-level uses. In addition, local school districts or other eligible applicants that apply to the State for funding need to provide this description in their applications to the State for funding. The State would be responsible for ensuring that the school district or other local entity has submitted a sufficient section 427 statement as described below.)

### **What Does This Provision Require?**

Section 427 requires each applicant for funds (other than an individual person) to include in its application a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its Federally-assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs. This provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, you should determine whether these or other barriers may prevent your students, teachers, etc. from such access or participation in, the Federally-funded project or activity. The description in your application of steps to be taken to overcome these barriers need not be lengthy; you may provide a clear and succinct description of how you plan to address those barriers that are applicable to your circumstances. In addition, the information may be provided in a single narrative, or, if appropriate, may be discussed in connection with

related topics in the application.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of civil rights statutes, but rather to ensure that, in designing their projects, applicants for Federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain potential beneficiaries to fully participate in the project and to achieve to high standards. Consistent with program requirements and its approved application, an applicant may use the Federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

### **What are Examples of How an Applicant Might Satisfy the Requirement of This Provision?**

The following examples may help illustrate how an applicant may comply with Section 427.

- (1) An applicant that proposes to carry out an adult literacy project serving, among others, adults with limited English proficiency, might describe in its application how it intends to distribute a brochure about the proposed project to such potential participants in their native language.
- (2) An applicant that proposes to develop instructional materials for classroom use might describe how it will make the materials available on audio tape or in braille for students who are blind.
- (3) An applicant that proposes to carry out a model science program for secondary students and is concerned that girls may be less likely than boys to enroll in the course, might indicate how it intends to conduct "outreach" efforts to girls, to encourage their enrollment.

We recognize that many applicants may already be implementing effective steps to ensure equity of access and participation in their grant programs, and we appreciate your cooperation in responding to the requirements of this provision.

### **Estimated Burden Statement for GEPA Requirements**

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is **1890-0007**. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. **If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this form, please write to:** Director, Grants Policy and Oversight Staff, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW (Room 3652, GSA Regional Office Building No. 3). Washington, DC 20202-4248.

## **NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS: The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)**

### **What is GPRA**

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 is a straightforward statute that requires all Federal agencies to manage their activities with attention to the consequences of those activities. Each agency is to clearly state what intends to accomplish, identify the resources required, and periodically report their progress to the Congress. In doing so, it is expected that GPRA will contribute to improvements in accountability for the expenditures of public funds, improve Congressional decision-making through more objective information on the effectiveness of Federal programs, and promote a new government focus on results, service delivery, and customer satisfaction.

### **How has the United States Department of Education Responded to the GPRA Requirements?**

As required by GPRA, the United States Department of Education (the Department) has prepared a strategic plan for 1998-2002. This plan reflects the Department's priorities and integrates them with its mission and program authorities and describes how the Department will work to improve education for all children and adults in the United States. The Department's goals, as listed in the plan, are:

- Goal 1:** Help all students reach challenging academic standards so that they are prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.
- Goal 2:** Build a solid foundation for learning for all children.
- Goal 3:** Ensure access to postsecondary education and lifelong learning.
- Goal 4:** Make the United States Department of Education a high performance organization by focusing on results, service quality, and customer satisfaction.



**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS**  
**IN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**GRANT AND CONTRACT PROGRAMS**

GRANTS

Applicants for grants from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) have to compete for limited funds. Deadlines assure all applicants that they will be treated fairly and equally, without last minute haste. For these reasons, ED must set strict deadlines for grant applications. Prospective applicants can avoid disappointment if they understand that:

**Failure to meet a deadline will mean that an applicant will be rejected without any consideration.**

The rules, including the deadline, for applying for each grant are published, individually, in the Federal Register. Six-month or one-year subscriptions to the daily, official Federal Register may be ordered from the U. S. Government Printing Office at the following url: <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/regulatory/fed-reg.html>. The Federal Register Complete Service is also available in microfiche on the same web page. In addition, the Federal Register is available on-line for free on Government Printing Office (GPO) Access: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Depository Library location and Federal Register services: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg>.

The instructions in the Federal Register must be followed exactly. Do not accept any other advice you may receive. No ED employee is authorized to extend any deadline published in the Register. No ED employee is authorized to extend any deadline published in the Federal Register. Questions regarding submission of applications may be addressed to:

U.S. Department of Education  
Application Control Center  
Washington, D.C. 20202-4725

**CONTRACTS**

Competitive procurement actions undertaken by the ED are governed by the Federal Acquisition Regulations and implementing Department of Education Acquisition Regulations.

Generally, prospective competitive procurement actions are synopsisized in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). Prospective offerors are therein advised of the nature of the procurement and where to apply for copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP). All of ED's RFP's are now available on-line for downloading at the following url: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/ocfo/contracts/currfrfp.html>.

Offerors are advised to be guided solely by the contents of the CBD synopsis and the instructions contained in the RFP. Questions regarding the submission of offers should be addressed to the Contracts Specialist identified on the face page of the RFP. Offers are judged in competition with others, and failure to conform with any substantive requirements of the RFP will result in rejection of the offer without any consideration

whatever.

Do not accept any advice you receive that is contrary to instructions contained in either the CBD synopsis or the RFP. No ED employee is authorized to consider a proposal, which is non-responsive to the RFP. Six-month or one-year subscriptions to the CBD may be ordered from the U.S. Government Printing Office at the following url: <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/regulatory/cbd.html>. Information included in the Federal Acquisition Regulation is contained in Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1. The foregoing publication may be obtained by sending your check or money order only, no cash or stamps, to:

Superintendent of Documents  
U.S. Government Printing Office  
Washington, D.C. 20402-9371

In addition, the Commerce Business Daily is available on-line for free at the following url: <http://cbdnet.access.gpo.gov/>. The Federal Acquisition Regulations are available on-line at the following url: <http://www.arnet.gov/far/>.

ED FORM 5348, 10/01

REPLACES ED FORM 5548, 6/86 WHICH IS OBSOLETE  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND NOTICES**

**Executive Order 12372 - Intergovernmental Review**

The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR Part 79, pertaining to intergovernmental review of Federal programs, apply to the program(s) included in this application package.

Immediately upon receipt of this notice, all applicants, other than Federally recognized Indian Tribal Governments, must contact the appropriate State Single Point of Contact to find out about, and to comply with, the State's process under Executive Order 12372. Applicants proposing to perform activities in more than one State should contact, immediately upon receipt of this notice, the Single Point of Contact for each State and follow the procedures established in those States under the Executive Order. A list containing the Single Point of Contact for each State is included in the application package for these programs.

In States that have not established a process or chosen a program for review, State, area-wide, regional, and local entities may submit comments directly to the Department.

Any State Process Recommendation and other comments submitted by a State Single Point of Contact and any comments from State, area-wide, regional, and local entities must be mailed or hand-delivered by the date in the program announcement for Intergovernmental Review to the following address:

The Secretary  
E.O. 12372-CFDA # 84.246D  
U.S. Department of Education, FOB-6, Room 7W130  
400 Maryland Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202-0100

On line 2 of the above address, please provide the correct Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number (CFDA #84.246D) of the program for which a comment or state process recommendation on an application is submitted.

In those States that require review for this program, applications are to be submitted simultaneously to the State Review Process and the U.S. Department of Education.

Proof of mailing will be determined on the same basis as applications.

Please note that the above address is not the same address as the one to which the applicant submits its completed application. Do not send applications to the above address.

This publication by the U.S. Department of Education (ED or the Department) is an unofficial version of the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) List published by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Department has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this unofficial version. However, the only official version of the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) List is posted on the Grants Management section of the OMB web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>. You may save a text version of this document at the aforementioned site. Please note it will be necessary to put a row of space between each state listing.

### **STATE SINGLE POINTS OF CONTACT (SPOCs)**

It is estimated that in 2001, the Federal Government will outlay \$305.6 billion in grants to State and local governments. Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," was issued with the desire to foster the intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of proposed Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each State to designate an entity to perform this function. Below is a copy of the official list of those entities. For those States that have a home page for their designated entity, a direct link has been provided from the official version of this document from the OMB web page at the following address: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>. States that are not listed on this page have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process, and therefore do not have a SPOC. If you are located within one of these States, you may still send application material directly to a Federal awarding agency.

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| <p><b>ARKANSAS</b></p> <p>Tracy L. Copeland<br/> Manager, State Clearinghouse<br/> Office of Intergovernmental Services<br/> Department of Finance and Administration<br/> 1515 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 412<br/> Little Rock, Arkansas 72203<br/> Telephone: (501) 682-1074<br/> FAX: (501) 682-5206<br/> <a href="mailto:Tlcpeland@dfa.state.ar.us">Tlcpeland@dfa.state.ar.us</a></p> | <p><b>CALIFORNIA</b></p> <p>Grants Coordination<br/> State Clearinghouse<br/> Office of Planning and Research<br/> P.O. Box 3044, Room 222<br/> Sacramento, California 95812-3044<br/> Telephone: (916) 445-0613<br/> FAX: (916) 323-3018<br/> <a href="mailto:State.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov">State.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov</a></p> |
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| <p><b>ILLINOIS</b></p> <p>Virginia Bova<br/> Department of Commerce and Community Affairs<br/> James R. Thompson Center<br/> 100 West Randolph, Suite 3-400<br/> Chicago, Illinois 60601<br/> Telephone: (312) 814-6028<br/> FAX: (312) 814-8485<br/> <a href="mailto:vbova@commerce.state.il.us">vbova@commerce.state.il.us</a></p>  | <p><b>IOWA</b></p> <p>Steven R. McCann<br/> Division of Community and Rural Development<br/> Iowa Department of Economic Development<br/> 200 East Grand Avenue<br/> Des Moines, Iowa 50309<br/> Telephone: (515) 242-4719<br/> FAX: (515) 242-4809<br/> <a href="mailto:Steve.mccann@ided.state.ia.us">Steve.mccann@ided.state.ia.us</a></p> |
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| <p><b>NEVADA</b></p> <p>Heather Elliot<br/>Department of Administration<br/>State Clearinghouse<br/>209 E. Musser Street, Room 200<br/>Carson City, Nevada 89701<br/>Telephone: (775) 684-0209<br/>FAX: (775) 684-0260<br/><a href="mailto:Helliott@govmail.state.nv.us">Helliott@govmail.state.nv.us</a></p> | <p><b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b></p> <p>Jeffrey H. Taylor<br/>Director, New Hampshire Office of State<br/>Planning<br/>Attn: Intergovernmental Review Process<br/>Mike Blake<br/>2½ Beacon Street<br/>Concord, New Hampshire 03301<br/>Telephone: (603) 271-2155<br/>FAX: (603) 271-1728<br/><a href="mailto:Jtaylor@osp.state.nh.us">Jtaylor@osp.state.nh.us</a></p> |
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Changes to this list can be made only after OMB is notified by a State's officially designated representative. E-mail messages can be sent to [grants@omb.eop.gov](mailto:grants@omb.eop.gov). If you prefer, you may send correspondence to the following postal address:

Attn: Grants Management  
Office of Management and Budget  
New Executive Office Building, Suite 6025  
725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

## SECTION J

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST AND COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#### Application Checklist

Does your application include each of the following?

- ☐ Cover page (SF 424)
- ☐ Budget form (ED Form 524)
- ☐ Program specific budget form [if applicable]
- ☐ Budget narrative [if applicable]
- ☐ Program narrative, including abstract and responses to the selection criteria
- ☐ Assurances and Certifications [list]

Did You --

- ☐ Provide one (1) original plus two 2 copies of the application (One original and six copies are requested)?
- ☐ Include all required forms with original signatures and dates?
- ☐ Submit a copy of the application to the State Single Point of Contact, if applicable?
- ☐ Mail\* Application To: **OR** Hand-deliver\* Application To:

| <u>Rehabilitation Short-term Training: Client Assistance Program</u> |                                |
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#### COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

[Below are some examples of Q's & A's that programs may include in their application booklets. Programs may want to add others. Generally speaking, Q's & A's should not repeat information that is given elsewhere in the application. However, there may be exceptions to this "rule of thumb." Q's & A's should not be subregulatory and should not take the place of instructions.]

Q. What happens to my application after it is received in the Department?

A. The Department's Application Control Center receives each application, assigns each an identifying number (PR/Award number), confirms receipt of applications, and sends the applications to the appropriate program office, which screens them for eligibility. The program conducts a peer review of all eligible applications sent to a program competition, ranks them and recommends the highest ranked applications for funding with exceptions as provided by law. The responsible official for the applicable program reviews the program office's recommendations, checks the adequacy of the documentation supporting the recommendations, and approves a final list, or slate, of recommended projects and funding amounts. The program then awards the grants.

Q. What happens to my application if the Department finds it to be ineligible?

A. The Department immediately returns an application that does not meet the eligibility criteria for the particular program. A letter from the Department explaining why it is not being reviewed in the competition accompanies the application.

Q. How does the Department review an application?

A. Each application is assessed by knowledgeable persons from outside and sometimes inside the Department who are asked for their judgements about the quality and significance of the proposed project. These persons represent a diversity of disciplines and institutional, regional, and cultural backgrounds. The advice of these experts is compiled by Departmental staff who comment on matters of fact or on significant issues that would otherwise be missing from the review. The results are then presented to the official responsible for the program who approves funding.

Q. What criteria do the reviewers use when scoring an application?

A. Reviewers score each application using the selection criteria published in the Federal Register as part of the program regulations, which are given [specify where they can be found in the application package]. Reviewers are instructed to use only the published criteria.

Q. Is a recommended application guaranteed funding?

A. No. Funding is not final until a grant award notification has been mailed to the applicant.

Q. How long does it take the Department to complete the review process?

A. (Describe normal experience with the particular program. Most review processes take from three to five months.)

Q. How do the invitational, competitive and absolute priorities differ?

A. **Invitational Priority**

The Secretary may simply invite applicants to meet a priority. However, an application that addresses invitational priorities receives no competitive or absolute preference over applications that do not meet this priority.

### **Competitive Priority**

If a program uses weighted selection criteria, the Secretary may award selection points to an application that meets the priority. These points are in addition to any points the application earns

under the selection criteria. The notice states the maximum number of additional points that the Secretary may award to applications that meet the priority in a particularly effective way. Or the Secretary may simply select applications that meet the competitive priority over applications of comparable merit that do not meet the priority.

### **Absolute Priority**

Under an absolute priority, the Secretary may select for funding only those applications that meet the priority.

Q. Can changes in the size of subsequent year awards be made after the multi-year budget is approved?

A. Generally, no. The amounts for the out-years of a grant are approved as part of the original approval process.

Q. How will funding continuation decisions be made?

A. Grantees are required to submit annual performance reports that describe the projects' progress toward meeting objectives and their expenditure of funds. These performance reports are used by the Department to decide whether the grantee has made substantial progress.

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